

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

OF ASSAYS MADE OF

SEVERAL SPECIES OF FOREIGN SILVER COINS.

JANUARY 17, 1821.

Read, and ordered to lie on the table.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

17th January, 1821.

SIR: In obedience to the act, entitled “ An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces,” passed the 29th day of April, 1816—I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assays made in pursuance of instructions from this department.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. CRAWFORD.

To the honorable the SPEAKER

Of the House of Representatives.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

13th January, 1821.

SIR: Agreeably to your general instructions I have caused assays to be made of the several species of foreign silver coins, still current by law in the United States.

As foreign gold coins have all ceased to be a legal currency, their annual assays it is presumed may be discontinued.

The assayer's report is as follows:

			Oz.	Dwts.
No. 1.	Made of three French crowns of different dates		10	19
2.	Made of three five franc pieces	- -	10	16
3.	Made of three Spanish dollars	- -	10	15½

From the above report it appears:

That the intrinsic value of French crowns is, per ounce,				cts. 117 $\frac{873}{891}$
do	do	five franc pieces	- -	116 $\frac{324}{891}$
do	do	Spanish dollars	- -	116 $\frac{84}{891}$

I have the honor to be, &c.

R. PATTERSON.

The Honorable WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of the Treasury.